

H. Roberts. It seems he does not like the Chicago convention's way of doing business.

He described it as a kind of Tabernacle conference service, where the whole job is put up by one man, and the people are expected to obey counsel. But what a giant Theodore Roosevelt must be to hypnotize the mighty people of this country in that way. He was sure Judge Parker's nomination would appeal deeply to the people on the ground of the judge's purity of life. Is it so strange, then, to have a Democratic candidate who lives a pure life?

But then the speaker launched out to contrast the platform of the respective parties. He described protection as "iniquitous, unequal class legislation."

What do the sheep, cattle, sugar and lead men of Utah think of that? Surely what the great orator does not know about the tariff would crowd the Woman's Exponent to the limit to give it publication.

But his dissertation on ship subsidies was where the eloquent gentleman shone with an effulgence all his own.

We are sure that no one will dispute his claim. It was left to him to discover that the mighty merchant marine which the Democracy had built up was destroyed by the Republican party in 1861. Shades of Raphael Semmes, shades of the Confederacy, shade of consistency, where are you? Surely Brother Roberts began very late his study of American political history.

He shook the money question off airily. Plenty of gold and new discoveries daily, plenty of money—that settles the matter, no principle is at stake, the convention as it should, passed it by. In the same way he took high ground on the polygamy and separation of state and church plank. As we had fixed both here in Utah, the plank had no application in this state unless it was among sectarian preachers. Of course he shadowed forth a prophecy of victory in November.

He was followed by Judge King, who spoke in his accustomed mild manner, but he became a little excited when he essayed to discuss President Roosevelt, and in his panegyric on Democracy. He says Democracy has declared for the laboring man and against trusts. The trouble is it has never done anything but speak good words for the laboring man and has never attacked the trusts except in newspapers and through the mouths of orators like the judge. Incidentally the judge expressed his sympathy for the thugs in Colorado, who, under the sacred banner of labor, assassinate men and convert society into a state of anarchy. He sees in the president one who wants to ride rough shod over the people. True, he never has, but Judge King says he wants to, and who says that the judge is not a mind reader. He declares that the men who "want to glory in blood and war, foster the trusts which are ruining the country, help along the ship subsidy, will support the Republican ticket." Nothing but the dignity of Judge King rescues that from being sorry claptrap. Finally he declared that "the Democrats founded this country." Is he right sure? In the old days there was one George Washington and one Alexander Hamilton who did more to found this country and to make it a nation than all the Democrats of their day combined.

#### WILL REPUBLICANS ASSERT THEMSELVES?

Last year this journal sought to have a fair election of men behind whose candidacy there was no taint of boss or ecclesiastical rule, for the strength of this Republic rests upon the wisdom, the integrity and perfect freedom, not of any boss come he up bringing a sack to debauch the voter, or come he under priestly garments to debauch the people, but of the people themselves.

It is said that Mr. Callister is no longer in the

gubernatorial race, that he has been called off by Apostle Smoot and in his stead that the same apostle has named Mr. John C. Cutler. Personally we believe that Mr. Cutler is an honest and capable man, that in the various corporations in which he is an officer he has shown marked ability and fine executive ability. If he is nominated we shall support him with such strength as we can bring to bear, as we will any respectable Republican nominee, but the manner of his coming up as a candidate is as humiliating as it is reprehensible.

Have the people of Utah no strength to resist the pernicious dictation of some man whose power is through his priesthood, in managing their political affairs?

The Church long ago absolved its people from this control. If it was merely a trick to deceive the people and government of the United States, still the people have the right to hold those priests to their promise.

We call upon them to take this reproach from Utah by gathering in the primaries and convention and insisting upon a square deal and a free voice and vote in deciding who their candidates shall be. It is the only manly way, the only American way, the only way by which they can prove their worthiness to be called American citizens.

#### DIAZ.

The great Diaz has once more been elected President of Mexico. He is one of the very great men of the world. Few men have ever had so wonderful a career as he. He is a soldier, a statesman, he has a sagacity that never fails him. He laid his hand upon his country years ago; it has always seemed like velvet, but it has always been steel; under its order took form and law executed its decrees; when he began his real work Mexico was in the throes of anarchy and violence and was bankrupt. He converted his brigands into soldiers, ribbed his country with railroads, lighted it with school houses; in a way that was not felt he collected his revenues until the country's treasury is overflowing, and since the beginning of his rule no land has advanced more than his. He is going into the shadows now, but the love of his people is around him and all his days are filled with peace.

#### OOM PAUL.

Oom Paul Kruger is dead in Switzerland. He had much fame some years ago as a doughty old citizen.

He was supreme in South Africa for years and ruled like the rough autocrat that he was. He looked upon all outsiders who came among his people as legitimate prey. He would not keep his covenants with the English and at last precipitated the fatal war which lost him his country. He had passed for a shepherd to his people, but when the war grew near, he gathered his hoarded wealth together, fled the country and deserted his people.

The glamor that once surrounded his name long ago disappeared and he will not be much mourned outside his family and a few of his countrymen who never would believe that he could be unfaithful or untrue.

#### THE POLYGAMY AND CHURCH RULE PLANK.

The Democratic party, just forty-four years behind the procession, declares that it is opposed to polygamy. The Republican party denominated polygamy as "the twin relic of barbarism" in 1860. It proceeded to prosecute polygamists and persevered until the polygamous organization in Utah threw up its hands and surrendered. Now it has ceased to be a serious factor in Utah and the remnant left will, by action of time, disappear within the next few years.

Senator Dubois tried to have something effective done in the St. Louis convention, to em-

phasize the spirit of the country touching polygamy and church rule, but he was sat down upon. What was put in was, in a national way, precisely like a city ordinance declaring that to expectorate on the sidewalk is a misdemeanor, but providing no penalty for the offense. The plank may satisfy some squeamish old ladies in the old west, but it is as impotent a declaration as was ever for buncombe inserted in a political platform. The best comment that has been or can be made was made by Hon. B. H. Roberts when he endorsed it. His endorsement shows exactly how much strength there is in it. It will serve its purpose. Democrats east will point to it as embodying the noble sentiments of the party; in the west they will point out that it is altogether harmless. In point of fact it is pure demagogism.

#### HENRY G. DAVIS.

Hon. Henry G. Davis, nominated for vice-president by the St. Louis convention is an eminent but very old man. But age does not always count. Senator Davis is younger than some men who have not lived so long as he has by twenty years. He was nominated over such men as Daniel, Harmon and Francis for two reasons. With Senator Elkins an active quantity in West Virginia that state is a doubtful state; second, Senator Davis has a very long purse and he opens it freely for campaign purposes. Though old, he is a hale and sturdy citizen, and then the convention did not consider his age, because no Democratic president has ever failed to live out his term. Some of them have about killed their party and have come dangerously near ruining the country, but they have all worried through.

Two Whig presidents have died of illness and three Republican presidents have been assassinated, but Democratic presidents have all escaped. Again, Mr. Davis was nominated after the big scrap in the convention last Sunday morning and we have a suspicion that the delegates felt as Falstaff did after contemplating his regiment when he exclaimed: "Food for powder. Food for powder. They will fill a pit as well as better men."

#### THE DEMOCRACY AND AMERICAN SHIPPING.

In his speech in St. Louis Hon. Champ Clark brought up the statement that in 1860 the merchant tonnage of the United States was nearly equal to that of Great Britain. He cited that as a sample of how American shipping flourished after nearly sixty years of Democratic rule.

How paltry is all such talk. An old law prevents foreign ships from trading between American ports. Gold was discovered in California (3,000 miles from New York). Three hundred thousand people rushed to the new land. They had to be supplied with everything. The result was the building up of a great fleet of clipper and half clipper ships. But even then our only line of steamers across the Atlantic was forced to the wall by that last Democratic administration shutting off the subsidy that had made it possible to compete with the Cunarders. Then came the war and the destruction of our merchant ships. When the war was over, the building of wooden ships had practically ceased and the invention of the compound marine engine, made it possible to carry freights cheaply in steamships. In the meantime, too, California had become nearly self-supporting. From that day to this the Democratic party has fought subsidies for ships, though every important foreign ship that enters our ports is heavily subsidized. Still a plank in the Democratic platform favors the building up of our merchant marine. Sunset Cox explained to his party what was needed, so did ex-Secretary of the Navy Herbert, but it is useless. The party is determined that it shall never be done, though this country pays annually to foreign ship owners some hundreds of millions of dollars.